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## THIS MONTH AT THE ASA

### DIETRECH PESSIN

**Friday Lecture, October 20, 2006. Time: 7:00 – 9:30 PM.**

**Registration begins at 6:45 PM. Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.**

**Saturday Workshop, October 21, 2006. Time: 1:00 – 4:30 PM**

**Registration begins at 12:45 PM. Admission is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.**

**Both meetings will be held at the Granite Reef Senior Center. The address is: 1700 N. Granite Reef Rd. at the NW corner of Granite Reef and McDowell. For a map to the Senior Center, visit our website at [www.azastrologers.org](http://www.azastrologers.org).**

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#### **FRIDAY NIGHT Lecture - The Lunar Gestation Cycle and Moon Families**

The human gestation period did not end at birth. It is an important key to a valuable ongoing cycle. This cycle equips astrologers with an invaluable forecasting tool that is both simple and effective. If you have studied Dietrech Pessin's nine-month Lunar Gestation Cycle and Moon Families, then you will enjoy following a Moon Family throughout a 19-year Metonic cycle. Friday night's talk will review the nine-month Lunar Gestation Cycle, linking four related Moon phases that form a Moon Family.

#### **SATURDAY Workshop - A Moon Family's Next Generation**

On Saturday, we will use a Moon Family that began at the solar eclipse 19 years ago on September 23, 1987 and follow its trail as it weaves through a 19-

year period, bringing us to the recent solar eclipse on September 22, 2006. Bring your personal stories to be a part of this exciting two-part study of Moon Families.



#### **Getting to Know Dietrich Pessin**

Dietrech Pessin is a professional astrologer who has over 30 years of experience. She has an international lecturing and consulting practice. Her impressive and outstanding discovery of the Moon Family is now featured

in the latest versions of Solar Fire. Her landmark book, *Lunar Shadows*, will be re-published later this fall in a revised and expanded edition.

Enjoy her new astrology report weekly at her website *Lunar Shadows*.

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***‘Putting it all together’***

Beginning October 15th and running for the next 6 months, Gabriella von Elekes will be having a study group at her place on the third Sunday of each month. Whether you have studied astrology for years but do not have the confidence to interpret a chart or are just a beginner, this group is for you. Bring any chart, any question. The group will run from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm and it is free. Gabriella lives close to the Old Senior Center. Please contact her at 480 421-9798 or [gvonelekes@cox.net](mailto:gvonelekes@cox.net).

***Letter from the President***

Greetings, my fellow friends of Astrology -

Welcome, finally, to our version of Fall in the Valley of the Sun. It's below 100 degrees, thank goodness, and the best part of our year is ahead. I think we can all be grateful for some general improvement in a couple of major planetary constructions, too.

Saturn is moving past its exact opposition to Neptune, at least for a while. Many sensitive and at-risk people have been really drained from this weird energy. And thank heavens, too, that Jupiter has moved past its square to both these planets. I think we can reasonably expect to see less distortion of the truth, and less damage to the most vulnerable, in

the near future. Astrologically, our culture is ready for a change, I think.

We have had some great lectures recently, don't you agree? So much high quality information, and really well attended, in our posh new facility. The ASA Board has been brainstorming very productively during our executive meetings - we've imagined some really interesting speakers for you during the next year. More about that later...

On a personal note - I would like to express my appreciation, again, to the members of the previous board. Gabriella von Elekes, Rose Fieldgrove, Kathe Smith, and Nelda Tanner donated countless hours of their precious time in support of Astrology. Sarah Laurent, Lisa Carlin, Bonnie Wilson and everyone else who labored for their love of astrology, deserve our thanks for keeping the ASA going. I know I'm speaking for all of us who have been able to study astrology with the ASA, when I say "Bless your hearts!"

Doug Noblehorse, our Programs director, has upgraded the interactive capabilities of the ASA website - please visit and let us know what you think.

Mars and Venus are moving into a conjunction, and so are Mercury and Jupiter. Enjoy them both, and we'll see you at the meeting.

With all good wishes for happy transits,

*Charlotte*

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## **Last month at the ASA – Robert Blaschke**

*by Marta Morris, ASA Scribe*

### **Friday lecture: Holographic Transits**

Robert's new book, *Holographic Transits*, looks at the long-neglected topic of the relationship between the Sun and other planets. Using holographic

transits, aka Sun/Mercury/Venus phases from the natal chart, as they repeat, will give an additional insight into predictive astrology.

Robert quoted the 6th C. Roman philosopher Simplicius to the effect that the soul chooses a time to incarnate when the sky is like itself, but that divine justice also chooses a time when the nativity agrees with the soul's karma. The planets start moving after birth, and that is how justice is administered.

Pope Benedict has transiting Pluto on the MC and transiting Uranus conjunct the progressed MC. His natal Sun is in 25° Aries. Currently, he is receiving attention for statements made with regard to Islamic violence as espoused by Mohammed. His Sun sextile Mars and trine Neptune gave him the conviction to make this statement.

You see intelligence in the horoscope through its solar aspects. The Sun is raw intelligence and Mercury delivers it.

It's been 100 years since Allan Leo's book, *The Progressed Horoscope*, was published. We have all benefitted from the evolutionary push it gave to astrology. Alan Leo was part of a thriving astrological community in London, which included Dane Rhudyar, Grant Lewi, and C.E.O. Carter, who wrote about the transits through the quadrants. *Cycles of Becoming*, by Alexander Ruperti, was another milestone of astrology. Mr. Blaschke opined that this was the beginning of the peak of transit interpretation up to the 1970's, at which time a decline began.

Which transits are most powerful?

- those in station, retrograde or direct
- those that replicate natal aspects
- planets to angles and progressed angles. Transits to progressed chart are as powerful as transits to the natal chart.

Planets in aspect become very important when through progressions they become stationary. When an important transit occurs, there's usually a progression going on, too. Transits are outer challenges.

Progressions reveal the inner spiritual growth that occurs in response to the challenge.

There is an implied fatalism involved in transits. No matter how spiritually the astrologer tries to bend a transit, the client's question is always, "When will it be over?" and "What will happen?" Hence the paradox over "Free Will vs. Fate."

Einstein proposed that "everything is related to everything else in a space-time continuum." What is space? If transits are the "time" component of the space-time continuum, does free will = space? How do we calculate space? Holograms, which occur when the Sun returns to the same relationship with a planet that it has natively - a phase angle return. When this happens, you can find a sense of inner wholeness, a remembrance of the natal blueprint of your soul.

The "phase angle" of the natal chart will repeat 3 times each year. When the natal phase cycle is repeated, it is a good time to integrate your higher self. The Sun is the "heart" of the solar system, and planets cannot survive without it. Neither can we. The Sun is the missing piece in the transits puzzle.

The synodic cycle will give an added insight into transits and progressions. For instance, not all retrograde Mercury cycles are equal. Some are longer and involve fewer degrees and vice versa. Robert presented his own Mercury phase chart.

1. Inferior conjunction - takes 4 to 7 days to the ~
2. Heliacal Rising, or Morning Star, the Promethean stage - takes 3-8 days to ~
3. Stationary/Direct - takes 8-14 days to ~
4. Greatest Elongation, which is 18 to 28 degrees from the Sun - takes 4-31 days to ~
5. Heliacal Setting - takes 10-20 days to ~
6. Superior Conjunction, these people are better at "hindsight" - takes 8-16 days to ~
7. Heliacal Rising, Evening Star (emerges from the Sun's rays) - takes 14-31 days to ~
8. Greatest Elongation - takes 6-13 days to ~
9. Stationary/Retrograde - takes 4-7 days to ~

10. Heliacal Setting - takes 5-7 days before it disappears into the Sun.

Fastest speed can be 2 degrees 11 minutes. 20 days retrograde = fast moving. 24 days retrograde = slow moving, and more difficult.

What does this have to do with transits? When you are undergoing hard aspect transits, it is easier to align with your higher self during a natal Sun/Moon, Sun/Mercury or Sun/Venus phase repetition. The repetition doesn't have to occur in the natal signs, as long as they are in the same relationship to each other as they were at your birth.

#### *What is a Holograph?*

1. "A document, such as a letter or will, handwritten by the person who signed it." (Webster's Dictionary)
2. Laser holographic photography reveals "the whole in every part."
3. An astrological holograph is thus what reveals the totality in each part, or, in other words, how the soul's "cosmic conditions" can be seen through its parts.
4. An astrological holograph is also a spiritual document, handwritten by the soul who has signed on to its binding fate or destiny.

Fractal Theory - a portion of the whole, resembling the whole.

Sun/Moon phases are in common use among astrologers. Mr. Blaschke suggests we use all of the Sun/Planet phases to determine holographic information. It is useful to read the degree book for insight into the meanings of the repeating phases.

For instance, a repeating Sun/Jupiter phase would imply judgment, growth, and expansion. This happens every 13 months. Use the synodic cycle instead of the sidereal.

Check all Sun/Venus conjunctions against your natal chart. Significant if it lands on an angle or planet.

This can coincide or correlate to people who come into your life-exact degree only.

This is a spiritual formula, because the Sun is the arbitrator of free will. You can't integrate a planet's energy unless it goes through the heart – the Sun. Integrate the Sun into all of the phases. Time twins can be found in people with similar phases near when you were born. This can also be due to the New Moon phase that you share.

## Saturday Workshop – Solar Returns

A Solar Return can occur the day before, of, or after the birthday. We all have two birthdays - Natal and Secondary Progressed. The Natal deals with outer circumstances of the year and the progressed deals with inner growth for the year.

For predictions, use the 3 times rule. If you find an event in the transits, progressions, and solar return, you can count on it happening.

Robert provided three sample SR charts, two for November 14, 2001, with different locations, and one for January 1, 2002, the progressed solar return for the same year - Robert's 48th birthday.

Applying aspects of the Moon are the most powerful. Separating are not as powerful or have occurred.

For timing, rotate angles 360° degrees and bring them to the planets.

Every 8 years the Sun/Mercury/Venus phases will repeat from the Natal in the SR.

The Lunar and Angular Progression of the Solar Return chart - The Alan Leo Solar Revolution Rule.

### *How to progress the Solar Return Moon:*

1. determine daily motion of Moon, midnight to midnight, on the day of solar return Moon (12-15°).
2. convert it to total minutes (multiply degrees by 60 and add to remaining minutes)

3. divide by 12 to get monthly motion of progressed solar return Moon.

4. add monthly motion to determine aspects forming from Moon throughout the year.

### *Interpretative Strategies*

Any planet in the Solar Return chart conjunct a natal planet will hold its strength all year.

House position and angles: Cardinal signs on angles promise a busy year. Fixed signs force you to complete projects, even if you would like a change. Mutable cause worry, anxiety, mentally activity. Mixed is the bi-polar experience.

Stelliums in fixed signs or houses - finish things, stay with projects. In cadent or mutable, there will be changes on the mental level-anxiety/fears.

Currently, we have Fixed crosses: In particular, the recent Grand Cross, comprised of Neptune, Saturn, Jupiter and Mars, currently remains as a T-square without the Mars. Jupiter will release soon, still leaving a Saturn/Neptune opposition.

Unaspected planets can under-react or over-react. With an unaspected Sun, you may search for contacts outside of yourself. An unaspected planet will be dormant until the progressed Moon aspects it.

Robert displayed the USA Solar Return based on the Sibley chart and had the audience progress the angles. Planets on the angles are significant. We all came up with October 29 as being significant. On that date, the M/C crosses 10° Leo, Mars/Saturn and the I/C crosses Neptune. Transiting Neptune also stations D on that day.

The worst retrograde periods are the longest in duration with the least distance traveled. The Sun's location is important. This chart had a 12th house Sun = behind the scenes. It trines retrograde Uranus.

Three days after the solar eclipse, the MC progresses to that 12th house Sun, shedding light, or

possibly bringing another terrorist attack. The leading news story that day was the Pakistani President's statement that the U.S. had threatened to bomb Pakistan back to the stone age if he didn't cooperate in the search for Bin Laden.

Robert predicted that Osama Bin Laden will be captured when Saturn stations at 18° Leo in 2007 (relating back to the 18° fixed eclipse in August 1999.)

For predictions, progress the MC to the malefics.

A member of the audience asked the difference between the Traditional Solar Return and the Precessed Solar Return, which takes into consideration the precession of the equinoxes. For example, at age 50 there is less than a degree difference for the Suns. This, however, still makes for a 17-hour difference in the returns. Both example charts had the mystic rectangle but only the progressed one had the dissection caused by a Moon aspect. Both worked, showing the death of Robert's mother, the precessed using the ASCendant/DESCendant axis, and the standard, using the MC/IC axis.

A Solar Return is important because the Sun is important and returning to its natal position.

Look at the Sabian Symbol for the degree of your solar return Asc. If you move during the year, run the chart for that location and look at that symbol. The new angles will be sensitive. However, Robert has not found that relocating the solar return works.

The composite Solar Return chart will help you analyze a relationship through time. Calculate the two solar returns and run a composite.

Solar return angles show up in synastry conjunctions. Pay attention to the degrees on all four angles. Important people in your life will have a degree exactly conjunct a solar return angle.

### **Beginning Astrology Classes**

Gabriella von Elekes will teach a series of beginning astrology classes starting Monday, September 25th through October 30th and Monday, November 6th through December 4th, from 7:00 pm to 9:15 pm. For more details call her at 480 421 9798 or email her at [gvonelekes@cox.net](mailto:gvonelekes@cox.net).

### ***The Inconjunct or Quincunx***

*By Virginia Reyer*

Inconjunct planets are 150° or five signs apart. The inconjunct partakes of the nature of Virgo, the 6th house and Mercury; and of Scorpio, the 8th house, and Mars, Pluto and Uranus.

The inconjunct is not a minor aspect, especially when interpreting transits or progressions. The aspect can be formed by both the MC and ASC and a planet. Use a small orb of only 1° or 2° when one planet is angular or is a light. The closer the aspect is to exactness, the more powerfully it will operate.

The inconjunct requires an adjustment, a change in attitude or habits, or some form of separation. The 150° aspect carries a destiny label. The affairs of the planets or houses involved are subject to stress, strain, disappointments or frustrating irritations.

The relationship between planets can be good sometimes and sometimes not, but the aspects can help one another. For example, the sextile is a sort of hand-holding aspect. It is two forces joining together to help each other, though the action may be a mixed blessing. If two planets are sextile in a chart, watch when a transit or progression comes along to form 150° to them. If the trigger planet is a progression it will last for the year that the progression is in effect. Also check the ephemeris to see if the trigger planet goes Rx or D.

When the inconjunct aspect receives strong progressed or transiting aspects, change is initiated to

overcome the undercover hostility, feelings of frustration or disappointment that have been building up. The change is never so drastic that it alters the life pattern but operates on the mental plane.

Because the two planets involved in the inconjunct do not share the same quality or element, they demand that adjustments be made. The inconjunct can influence health and financial affairs, and can also reflect basic hereditary weaknesses and bring out karmic situations that must be worked with to achieve soul growth. It can lead to growth or greater maturity of outlook and response. It shows what the native has to put up with, work around or adapt to, regardless of the stress.

The inconjunct indicates an inharmonious energy flow. The struggle is partly within oneself. Conflict is in the attitudes or in the perception of a situation. It is an important aspect because it symbolizes major inner dilemmas and adjustments. One may not really feel the constant tension of an inconjunct. It has a tendency to sneak up on a person. Sometimes, the native refuses to consciously admit to having such feelings, and this influences him adversely. If a planet is Rx the effects would be more serious; ditto if the trigger planet is intercepted.

An extension of the inconjunct is the Yod, which is commonly referred to as the "Finger of God." Three planets form the letter Y, and the planet that quincunxes both sextiling planets is the trigger point. It is a very fated configuration, and has an offbeat way of looking at problems and opportunities. The inconjuncts are truly hard aspects. They start with no shared temperament, give a fresh way of seeing the world, and solve problems by developing solutions that call for greater maturity of outlook and response.

Aries is quincunx Virgo and Scorpio.  
Taurus is quincunx Libra and Sagittarius.  
Gemini is quincunx Scorpio and Capricorn.  
Cancer is quincunx Sagittarius and Aquarius.  
Leo is quincunx Capricorn and Pisces.  
Virgo is quincunx Aries and Aquarius.  
Libra is quincunx Taurus and Pisces.

There can be a double quincunx or inconjunct, consisting of two planets quincunx each other with a third planet sextile one and square the other. Progressed planets can also make an inconjunct to natal planets.

### More Aphorisms from Al

*(Thanks to Virginia Reyer for these.)*

Al H. Morrison (1916-1995) was a quirky and innovative astrologer who had a powerful influence on astrologers worldwide. Some of his nuggets appeared in the September 2005 ASA Astrologer.

A 165° aspect has no name, but if this aspect occurs between two planets, then in the affairs of the houses they occupy the native has the unending capability of carrying on, continuing in total disregard of all practical reality. There is nothing like the nagging persistence of the 165° aspect. Just never say die, never stop trying, never give up on negotiating the non-negotiable.

Quintiles (72°) show the capability of working magic. They give complete inner serenity; you know what you need, your neural systems put out a good pattern. This can be very dangerous; it is not automatically beneficial to the world. Hitler had five quintiles.

Bi-quintiles (144°) are heavily positive. A semi-quintile (36°) offers a stroke of luck.

Septile (51°) gives the capability of a broad attention span, never resolves a matter completely. Indicates ingenuity, one who is able to fit things together. Not a rational aspect.

Novile (40°) holds fast, picks up the next octave, cycle, turn of the spiral. (But Robert Blaschke characterized it as a "40 years in the wilderness" aspect of spiritual testing.)

Squares give greater accuracy, natural aptitude for handling precision. Oppositions give the opportunity for objectivity.

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Friday's meeting will feature a potpourri of predictions and general interest topics.

Terry Warneke – the Astrological Pluto – still a planet?

Ken Hopkins – Astrology and the World of Sports

Charlotte Benson – The Economy in 2007

Douglas Noblehorse – The Best of Astrology on the Internet

And as always..... Social Hour(s)  
**AFTER** the meeting!